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**In re Application of:** Jason T. Lenz  
**Application No.:** 09/477,236  
**Filed:** January 4, 2000  
**For:** Protective Coatings for Medical Devices  
**Examiner:** M. Mendez  
**Group Art Unit:** 3763

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Docket No.:S63.2-7531

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002.

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows.

Sub E1 1. (Twice Amended) A medical device insertable in the body, said medical device having a substantially uniform noncontinuous protective surface coating.

Sub E2 27. (Amended) A dilatation balloon formed from a thermoplastic polymer, said balloon having a protective coating applied to said dilatation balloon in a discontinuous pattern.

82 28. (Amended) The dilatation balloon of Claim 27 wherein said coating is applied in the form of a waffle pattern, stripe pattern or a pattern having circular perforations.

Please add the following new claim.

Rule 1.26 31. 30. (New) The dilatation balloon of Claim 27 wherein said protective coating is applied in a substantially uniform pattern.

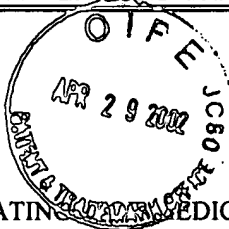
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**5 pgs Amendment and Response; VAS Transmittal and Postcard.**
2. With respect to fees:  
☐ No additional fee is required.  
☒ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$ 98.00  
☒ Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
3. **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as FIRST CLASS MAIL, addressed to, Box Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on April 19, 2002.

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